Eggs.

59. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total quantity of eggs exported from the State during the year; and

(*b*) the current price per egg in Trivandrum, Kottayam and Nagercoil?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*a*) The number of eggs exported during the first ten months of 1118 is about 276 lakhs.

(*b*) The current price per egg in Trivandrum, Kottayam and Nagercoil is given below:—

Trivandrum	2 chs. to 2½ chs.
Kottayam	2½ chs. to 3 chs.
Nagercoil	2 chs. to 2¼ chs.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I ask whether Government will be pleased to prohibit the export of eggs?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The number of eggs exported this year does not so far exceed the number exported last year. If it is necessary at any time, Government will consider the question of prohibiting export.

PRESIDENT: The trouble arises in this way: we are having import and export restrictions on a very large number of articles and merchants are complaining that such restrictions are interfering with the normal course of trade. If there is any sign of abnormality in regard to the export of eggs, Government will act without hesitation.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: What was the price of an egg in Trivandrum, before the war?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: It ranged from half chuckram to one chuckram. Since the anwser to this question was sent up, price has come down.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know why the rate has gone up? Is it due to the allowing of export?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: It is due to many causes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI: May I know whether the member is aware that there is widespread disease in poultry resulting in lower production of eggs? Can this not be one of the causes?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: That must also be one of the reasons. But I am not aware of the extent of the disease.

Lift Irrigation scheme in the Vaikom taluk.

60. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received from the public any representation to the effect that investigations be made *re*: the practicability of lift irrigation scheme in Vaikom taluk and surrounding areas; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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